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Examiner's first report on patent application no. 51977/99
by FUJITSU LIMITED

Last proposed amendment no.

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am replying to the request for examination. I have based this report on the verified translation. I have examined the application and I believe that there are lawful grounds of objection to the application. These grounds of objection are:

1. The invention defined in claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, 32, 39, 40 and 47 is not novel or lack an inventive step when compared with the following documents, each taken independently, which discloses all the essential features of the invention claimed:
 - a) US 5 809 295. See whole document, especially, Fig.2 ("compression driver"), column 1 line 39-54, column 2 lines 35 - column 3 line 17 and column 3 line 63 - column 4 line 44.
 - b) US 5 574 907. See whole document.
2. Furthermore, appended claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18, 20-24, 26-31, 33-38 and 41-46 relate to parameters or structures which can be arrived at by the application of normal design procedures when the general technical knowledge about the state of the art is used and hence do not contribute to patentable invention.
3. At least claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, 32, 39, 40 and 47 are not clear and do not define the invention described because no working inter-relationship is defined between "plurality of sections" and "plurality of compression parameters". As defined in the claim these constitute separate unconnected/unrelated items.

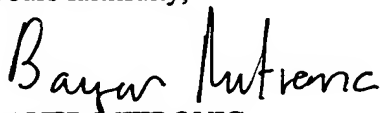
However, by reading the specification as whole it appears that the totality of processes of:

a) region diving, b) appearing frequency computing, c) compression parameter computing, d) data compressing, e) address information computing and f) compressed file combining as well as their mutual adaptive relationship are essential features of the alleged invention and which constitutes the possible inventive concept of this application.

4. There is no Notice of Entitlement on file. You will need to file one because an application without a Notice of Entitlement cannot be accepted.

You have 21 months from the date of this report to overcome all my objection(s) otherwise your application will lapse. You will need to pay a monthly fee for any response you file after 12 months from the date of this report.

Yours faithfully,



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